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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ON INTERVENTION

1. GOP FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE EVENING
OF APRIL 18 DEALING WITH QUESTION OF INTERVENTION
UNDER NEW CANAL TREATIES APPROVED BY SENATE THAT DAY.

2. COMMUNIQUE BEGINS BY QUOTING LEADERSHIP RESERVA-
TION TO CANAL TREATY, AND SAYS IT "CLEARLY EXPRESSES
THE CONFIRMATION MADE BY THE UNITED STATES SPECIFICALLY
TO PANAMA, OF PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ACCEPTED
BY THAT COUNTRY IN SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS".
IT THEN LISTS AND QUOTES RELEVANT PROVISIONS FROM
MONTEVIDEO TREATY OF 1933, UN CHARTER, AND OAS CHARTER.

3. COMMUNIQUE CONTINUES: "THE GOVERNMENT, AFTER
STUDYING THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE U.S. SENATE RESOLUTION
DECLARES ITS ACCEPTANCE AS A SOLEMN GUARANTEE AND
ASSURANCE BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT IT WILL
NOT HARBOR ANY INTENTION TO USE THE EXECUTION OF THE
TREATIES AS A MOTIVE, PRETEXT OR EXCUSE FOR ANY ATTEMPT
OR ACT THAT MAY IMPLY OR SIGNIFY A LACK OF RECOGNITION,
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THREAT, ATTACK OR VIOLATION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AS A SOVEREIGN AND INDE-
PENDENT STATE, NOR HAVE THE PURPOSE OR INVOLVE AN
ATTEMPT TO INTERVENE IN THE INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, OR TO LIMIT OR IMPAIR ITS
POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE, DO INJURY TO ("VULNERAR")
ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OR DIMINISH ITS SOVEREIGNTY.

...CONSEQUENTLY, AT ALL TIMES WILL THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA REACT FIRMLY AND DECISIVELY IN THE FACE OF ANY DEMONSTRATION OF PURPOSE OR ATTEMPT TO APPLY THE STIPULATIONS CONCERNING THE FREE AND NONDISCRIMINATORY PASSAGE OF THE CANAL AND ITS NEUTRALITY, SECURITY AND ACCESS IN A MANNER OR SENSE, THAT WOULD AFFECT THE POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA."

4. MINISTRY EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE TO ALL PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF LATIN AMERICA, WHICH SUPPORTED PANAMA, AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE INTEREST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OAS IN FOLLOWING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS "...HEREBY DECLARES IT UNDERSTANDS THE JUST CONCERN THAT WAS STIRRED BY CERTAIN RESERVATIONS, CONDITIONS AND UNDERSTANDINGS APPROVED BY THE U.S. SENATE, AND WOULD ACCEPT ANY INTER-AMERICAN ACTION THAT WOULD TESTIFY TO A COLLECTIVE INTERPRETATION ASSURING THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF RESPECT AND SOVEREIGNTY INDEPENDENCE AND LEGAL EQUALITY OF THE AMERICAN STATES HAVE NOT BEEN IMPAIRED, NOR HAS THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM--CONSTRUCTED LABORIOUSLY OVER SO MANY DECADES--SUFFERED ANY CHANGES."

5. COMMUNIQUE WAS PUBLISHED BY ALL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS
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ON APRIL 19; THERE HAS BEEN NO PARTICULAR COMMENTARY ON IT AS YET. FULL TEST FBIS/PANAMA PA 191258Y.
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